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Homoeopathy in the treatment of Cancer pain

3491. SHRISANTOSHBAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Newstime dated June 26th, 2000 captioned, "Homoeopathy best for cancer pain";

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps for propagation of Homoeopathy for treatment of cancer pain;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, sir.

(b) to (d) The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy had conducted clinical study to ascertain the efficacy of homoeopathic medicines in the management of malignant diseases. So far no conclusive results have been found including its efficacy in pain relief.

Sale of polluted mineral water

† 3492. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that polluted water is being sold in the name of mineral water in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any effective steps in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) Standard has been laid down for mineral water in the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules, 1955 to ensure its quality. The quality of this product in terms of the standard is monitored through the State Food Authorities who are vested with the responsibility of enforcing the provisions of the PFA Act, 1954 and the Rules thereunder. Details of mineral water samples lifted and found adulterated

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.